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Attendance at US-Soviet Discussion

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1. As discussed in referenced memo, [REDACTED] of this Branch attended negotiations concerning itineraries in the USSR and US for an exchange of Soviet and American high dams specialists. The meetings were held at the East-West Contacts Office of the Department of State on 30 September and 1 October. In attendance for the Soviet side were hydroelectric specialists Novikov, Borovoy, and Stolnikov, and Embassy officials Pavlov and Rymyantsev. For the US the participants were Merrill, Davis, Gevrisheff and Smith of State, Danheimer and Mermal of the Department of the Interior, and Ridencour (?) of the staff of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

2. Two basic questions were discussed: what locations would be visited by both sides, and when the US team would visit the USSR. At the end of about 6 hours of negotiations, it was agreed: a) that the tour of the US by the Soviets would be arranged on the principle that the host country provide the itinerary in accordance with the general wishes of the guests; b) that the itinerary in the USSR be made up in accordance with the specific requests of the US team; c) that the tour of the USSR will be about 30 days' duration and will most probably take place in the spring or summer of 1959.

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